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ROOSEVELT FOR KING.

Prominent Law Professor Seriously Suggests Him for that Job.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 10.—Prof. Joseph P. Drake, of the law department, startled his class yesterday by declaring that he would favor electing Theodore Roosevelt king of this country. The students at first took the statement as a joke, but it was reiterated, and Prof. Drake asserted that it was given with all seriousness and sincerity.

The nomination of the President to the throne of the United States came after a discussion of the corporation problem. Prof. Drake declared that, although an attack upon vested interests had been attended with many dangers to the prosperity of the nation, the President has wisely handled the situation and, as the final solution of corporate encroachments upon the rights of the public could not be reached before the passing of many decades, he favored retaining Roosevelt at the helm through the thickest of the fight.

Prof. Drake said he thought that the election to the presidency and the maintenance of the office under the present system was attended with too many political complications and evils, and for this reason he advocated the burning of all bridges and the giving of a free hand to Theodore Roosevelt for the solution of the corporation menace.

Prof. Drake declared that it was one of the follies of the nation to suppose that the present industrial efficiency could be maintained without the organization of great corporations. Their destruction would mean the ruin of the nation and the solution, he said, rested in efficient control and regulation by the government.

Judge McComas Dead.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Louis Emory McComas, associate justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, former United States senator, and for four terms congressman from Maryland, died at his home in this city today. His death was due to heart failure. He was born in Washington county, Md., in 1848, and the funeral will take place at Hagerstown, his former home, on Tuesday, November 19.

Praise for Mehrtens-Sheridan Co.

The Montgomery Advertiser gave unstinted praise to the above company, which opened the Montgomery Lyceum Course last week. It says: "An evening's entertainment of surpassing excellence was that afforded by Madame Laura Mehrtens and Sara Macdonald Sheridan at the Montgomery Theater, being the regular attraction of the Montgomery Lyceum."

"Mrs. Mehrtens is the foremost woman pianist of America today, and it is to be regretted, but none the less true, that it is only because of her sex, perhaps, that she is not recognized as an artist of the same ability as Paderewski, Rosenthal and others. It is certain that her playing last night entitles her to the distinction."

Mrs. Mehrtens has made her home at Savannah for the last several years, and in that city, noted for its musical culture, she has long been recognized as pre-eminently the foremost pianist of the South, if not of the entire country.

Mrs. Sheridan is distinctly a Southern woman, her home being in Atlanta. She has won plaudits from musical America with her super contralto, which was heard at its best last night. With two such artists and such a tasteful programme as that rendered there is little wonder that it was with reluctance that the audience left the theater."

They appear at the Auditorium tonight as the opening attraction of the Lyceum Course.

It is a man who finds out that the quality is about as unreliable as the quantity.

An Important Meeting Of The City Council

Some Ordinances Considered of Much Interest to the People of Our Progressive City Improvements Will Be Made.

The City Council met in regular session last night at the city hall, and after the passage of the regular routine business, the consideration of ordinances came up. The question of the sidewalk between the postoffice building and the Presbyterian church was called up and the city attorney reported that all preliminaries were arranged for the city to order the walk built and collect for same against the owner or owners of the property. This was then done, and the walk is to be constructed of tiling and is to be done as speedily as possible.

The ordinance ordering the railroads to place a flagman at the Ohio avenue crossing was called up and put upon its second reading. An amendment was offered and accepted as to the number of hours the flagman was to be on duty and the ordinance passed to its third reading and final passage. Upon its third reading and final passage, it was passed by a unanimous vote, and the railroads given until the 15th of December to comply with its provisions. This ordinance has been under consideration for some time and there is no doubt but that the Council has passed a very wise measure. The amount of traffic at the Ohio avenue crossing has become so great that such a measure is a very timely one. Under the provisions of the ordinance, the flagman is to be on duty from six o'clock in the morning until eight at night, and is to give timely warning of the approach of trains.

The "trash ordinance," which has been pending for some time, was up for discussion, and after due consideration, it failed to pass its third reading. The reasons being that there was already on the books an ordinance covering practically the same ground, and that there were one or two provisions considered to be too drastic.

The matter of granting a new franchise to the Live Oak Manufacturing Company for furnishing a system of electric lights to the city was again taken up and considered. Final disposition was not made, but some progress made toward its passage. Amendments will be added, fixing December 31, 1920, as the date after which the city may, at any time, acquire the plant and franchise, the value to be fixed by arbitration.

Mayor Johnson Addresses Council.

Live Oak, Fla., Nov. 9, 1907. To the Honorable City Council of the city of Live Oak, Florida: Gentlemen:—Our law requiring that any recommendations that the Mayor desires to make to your Honorable body shall be made in writing, I therefore respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

Public Health.

Since the 6th instant I have had the City Sanitary Inspector, assisted by one assistant inspector employed by me, to make a house to house inspection of the entire city. From the reports of these inspectors, we can congratulate the city of Live Oak on having a most gratifying record for health at this time. With the exception of a few light cases of scarlet fever, the city is in a flattering condition.

The total number of cases of scarlet fever, so far, have been fifteen.

Out of the fifteen cases, four have entirely recovered, and eight are convalescent.

Sincere thanks are due from us to the State Board of Health for the promptness with which they responded when the situation was first reported to them. We are under obligations to Dr. Bird, of the Board of Health, for his prompt visit, valuable suggestions and cheerful assistance.

We are to be congratulated upon having with us Dr. Chalker, of Lake City, Florida, a State Board of Health physician, who is rendering us valuable service promptly and cheerfully.

Streets and Sidewalks.

I respectfully call the attention of the Council to the condition of our streets as to litter and trash. Our streets are not kept in that cleanly conditions that the size of our city warrants. Our citizens are prone to depend too much on what the city can do in the way of cleaning up. Their carelessness to a great extent is city officials. This laxness by the city officials is owing largely to the fact that we were all here when Live Oak was nothing more than a country village and the conditions were allowed to care for themselves.

I would recommend that the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the throwing of any trash, debris or litter of any kind on any of the streets of the city. An ordinance that will make every citizen responsible for his own front door. Trash barrels in front of doors and on the streets are only an invitation to trash and litter on the streets.

Two mules and two laborers to go around picking up a piece of paper here and a piece there is paying entirely too high for the service rendered. We are all beginning to realize the necessity for both public and private economy. I notice in many instances of private parties cleaning up their back yards and vacant lots, and throwing all trash therefrom into the streets, where it remains until the city carts find it and feel disposed to move it. This ought not to be.

I note that considerably large amounts are paid out every month for street work. These bills, I am informed, include street work proper, mule feed and the hire of drivers for the carts, etc.; this includes the time and hire of mules and labor to pick up trash on the streets. I think you will agree with me that we are paying entirely too high for this small benefit to the city. At a very small outlay of time on the part of the citizens the time of these laborers and mules and carts could be put to work that would be for the permanent improvement of the city.

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I would also recommend that the City Council take steps looking to the permanent improvement of the city. I refer to the filling up of holes and washes in the streets with sand. If sand washes out once it will wash out again. I would suggest that when we mend a defect in the streets that we mend it in such a manner that it will not need mending again. This can be easily done if proper grades and drains are made. I believe that it would be better to only do a little and do it permanently than to do a large amount of work that will only

be temporary.

Some of our sidewalks are in condition. A personal injury came very near being serious to my knowledge, said in caused by a defective sidewalk. serious personal injury suit cost us more than all the sidewalks in town are worth. I would recommend that all sidewalks be put in condition as soon as practical.

I would also recommend the putting in of new sidewalks where convenience of the public demands. I would also recommend that these new sidewalks be put in proper notices be given and that property be treated alike in the same.

City Supplies.

I would recommend that the Council pass the necessary ordinance looking to the purchasing of all supplies by contract, the contract to be let to the lowest bidder.

Fire Department.

I would recommend that you chase more fire hose. At the fire I noticed that some of the sent hose is worn and may give on us at any time. Neither do I think we have sufficient hose for needs of the city.

I would also present for your consideration the better equipment of the fire department. And I offer your consideration the suggestion that the city purchase a motor wagon and employ one man to keep same in condition, together with ladders, hose and fire apparatus, believe this would be much cheaper and much more efficient than horse and that we need at least two horse is patent. I do not believe that a motor wagon would cost any more than would two horses and the cost of two horses would pay the one man.

City Ordinances.

I would also recommend that the City Attorneys be instructed to at once make a revision of all city ordinances for the approval and passage of the City Council, and that said revised ordinances be printed in book form.

City Hall.

I would also recommend that the City Council and the Bond Trustees proceed just as soon as practical to the erection of the City Hall. If the present plans and specifications for the City Hall call for more funds than you have, then it is our duty to the city to draw these plans down to such size building as will fit our funds. These funds have been set aside for this purpose, and we owe it to the city to give them the Hall.

City Accounting.

I would also recommend that your Honorable body employ some reputable and recognized auditor or auditing company and that you have the books, papers, accounts of all the city officials audited, for at least five to six years back.

This recommendation is not made because we believe there has been any mismanagement or the improper use of the city funds. It is made as a proper precaution, and that we might be more careful in our handling and management of city affairs and funds.

I would like to impress upon you the importance of this last recommendation.

Most respectfully submitted,

J. B. JOHNSON, Mayor.

able supply of cash on hand to that point where they would have to put on a limit as has been done elsewhere.

The thing to do is to go along as if there had been no talk of financial troubles, make your bank deposits as usual, pay your bills with your checks in the usual way, and in a short time every one will have forgotten all this talk of a panic.

The reports from New York are to the effect that shipments of currency have been resumed there to a considerable extent, \$30,000,000 in gold is now on its way from foreign countries, and so far as that point is concerned the trouble is practically over.

Simply sit steady, and all will be well.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Arkansas Railroad Commission Restrained from Collecting Statutory Penalties.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 9.—In response to the petition of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway, Judge Trieber, in the United States circuit court here, late today, granted a temporary injunction restraining the railroad commission of this state from collecting statutory penalties amounting to \$900,000, because of an alleged refusal on the part of the railroad company to furnish cars to different mines when ordered to do so by the commission, and because of alleged discriminations in favor of mines owned by the railroad.